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Subject 8.1.2 Mask Enforcement On Saskatoon Transit

Meeting (if known) GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE February 22nd 2022

Comments

Your Worship And City Councillors:

ATU Local 615 would like to take a moment to respond to the motion that went before City Council On Feb 8th 2022:

That the Administration report back about resources required to increase enforcement or conflict resolution support on Transit relating to face covering use in advance of the rescission of the existing “Public Health Order Mandatory Isolation and Face Covering” by the Government of Saskatchewan. Please include potential use of commissioners, Transit Supervisors, private security companies, and/or if SPS can play a role of some kind. The report should include associated financial impact for all options. Please ensure that transit operators, ATU, and bus Riders of Saskatoon are consulted for the report. Consideration should be given for identified problematic routes, potential enforcement through transit terminals, and potential rotation of enforcement personal on random transit routes;

If City Council makes the decision to move to mandatory masking on the buses, ATU Local 615 is of the opinion that having Masks Mandatory on the buses with enforcement can cause our operators problems such as negative confrontations with passengers, confrontations between passengers and potential assaults or worse in both circumstances. If enforcement was made mandatory on the buses, it is the expectation of ATU Local 615 that our Operators will NOT be the mask enforcers, we will not allow our members to be put in harms way. If the mandatory masking on the buses went forward with enforcement ATU Local 615 would suggest a system be put in place that trained security personnel be put in place to educate, de-escalate, ticket and or remove the members of the public that are not following the mandatory

masking on the buses. These security personnel could be using a combination approach of frequenting trouble spots such as routes and terminals as well be mobile to provide support to operators who are in need of support when dealing with a member of the public who are refusing to follow the masking on the buses.

If City Council went forward with Mandatory Masks with Enforcement on the buses I would ask City Council to think long term beyond the pandemic and consider these security personnel be factored into the upcoming BRT System. ATU Local 615 is of the opinion that providing security personal is a good step in the right direction to provide support to the operators, to start to attract riders back on the buses, during the height of the Pandemic ridership was down 95%, we need to instill confidence in the riding public that we have a SAFE, RELIABLE, CLEAN and CONSISTENT Bus System and when we move to the BRT System these security personal can move to provide all sorts of services from Support To Operators and other Staff, Fare Enforcement, Security, and General Information. Cities that have moved to BRT System have gone the path of security personnel to take the fare collection and enforcement away from the operators, through platform kiosks and random fare enforcement checks with the passengers.

Thanks

Darcy Pederson

President B/A

ATU Local 615

Attachments

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

